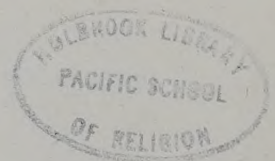


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1954 ATLA CONFERENCE PLANS

Mr. Robert F. Beach submits the following report on plans for the 1954 ATLA Conference:

After extended correspondence and discussion with the officers of AATS and among a number of members and officers of ATLA, plans are going forward for a joint conference of AATS - ATLA, to be held on the campus of Chicago Theological Seminary, June 15-16. In these negotiations the attitude of AATS has been extremely cordial, making possible an approach which is genuinely desired and mutual on both sides. While each Association will hold its own separate sessions, there will be one major session - probably Wednesday afternoon - which will be jointly planned and executed. It is to be a two hour panel discussion developing the position of the library in present-day theological education. Participants will be selected in advance from both AATS and ATLA. There will, of course, be group discussion. The theme of the AATS Conference is "Frontiers in Theological Education."

Your Vice-Chairman has benefited from several program recommendations. Building upon these we shall try to construct the Conference along the following lines:

1. A bibliographical-historical paper is being planned.
2. A personal "testimonial" paper will be read, drawing upon the practical experience and wisdom of one of our "veteran" members.
3. Workshops and discussions will be employed, reducing the number of long papers. Perhaps one solid paper per evening session is enough, when we keep in mind that there will be numerous committee reports, some of which will constitute the basis for necessary and creative discussions.
4. We shall attempt to keep more leeway for acquaintance and fellowship. We will, perhaps, have tea on two days.
5. We shall hope to set up a visit to a unique library or, perhaps, several libraries.
6. We shall hope for opportunity for denominational "buzz sessions" if time permits and if there is enough feeling for it.

Depending upon dormitory facilities available, some thought is being given to beginning and/or ending the conference so as not to coincide with AATS exactly. For example, it has been suggested that we begin Tuesday afternoon and finish Thursday noon. What preference have ATLA members on the matter of timing? arrival? departure? To what extent is it a matter of necessity or convenience for AATS and ATLA delegates to travel together? On the other hand, to what extent does the same person have to represent both Associations as a delegate? Each of these factors has a bearing on the way in which we schedule our sessions in relation to AATS.

Please send me your recommendations both as to program and timing and please send them soon.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS

Dr. Henry M. Brimm, President of the ATLA, announces the following official actions of the Executive Committee:

1. The Executive Committee has approved the plan of Mr. Alec R. Allenson for displaying new books at the 1954 conference of ATLA. Mr. Allenson has agreed to undertake responsibility for asking the publishers to send copies of their recent books at no charge, save the cost of the books themselves, and to arrange the display and give it personal supervision during the conference. At the close of the conference, all books on display are to be offered at a 50% discount to the attending librarians. The total proceeds from these sales are to be presented to the ATLA treasurer. Any remaining books, after such sales are completed, are to become the property of the host library.
2. The Executive Committee has approved the offer of Mr. Jay Kieffer of the Conestoga Book Service, Pasadena, California, to advertise and sell three items donated by any member library of the Association, in accordance with the terms set forth in the letter of July 8, 1953, sent to every member of ATLA by the president of the Association.
3. Two new members have been added to the roll of the Association: Mr. George C. Monroe, Jr., Acting Librarian, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee; and Miss Janet Roberts, Librarian of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois.
4. A Committee to publish the Periodicals Index has been appointed, with Dr. Raymond P. Morris as Chairman, and Mr. Stillson Judah and Mr. Calvin Schmitt as other members.
5. The following have been elected to membership on the Committee on Microphotography: Mr. Decherd Turner, Chairman; Mr. Edward L. Fortney; Mr. Edward L. Sheppard; Mr. Newell E. Davis.

PERIODICAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson, Chairman of the Periodical Exchange Committee, reports that he received only about a forty percent response to the questionnaires regarding the Periodical Exchange Plan which he sent to all libraries which are members of ATLA and AATS. He urges those libraries which have not returned their questionnaires to do so at once and invites any libraries which were not reached by the survey but which wish to participate in the exchange to communicate with him.

Mr. Pierson also expresses surprise at the large number of libraries which have requested permission to draw from the exchange but which would like to be exempted from listing their own duplicate material. He solicits the opinions of ATLA members as to how this matter should be handled.

COMMITTEE ON MICROPHOTOGRAPHY

In accordance with the instructions and actions of ATLA at the final business session in Evanston, the Committee on Microphotography has arranged with the Microcard Foundation for the publication of the Proceedings of ATLA for the first four years, 1947-50. These four years have been published on 9 cards for a cost of \$2.50. In view of the modest price asked for the four years, it is felt that libraries will want to subscribe for the total set; consequently, no broken sets will be sold. The Microcard Foundation is acting as publisher and distributor. Orders should be sent to the Foundation at Middletown, Connecticut. Since this is the first microcard publication of the Committee on Microphotography, it is hoped that our own members will take advantage of this publication to fill in their back files and will also call attention to this item among their friends in other library circles.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

The Library of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, which has hitherto been housed in the basement of one of the buildings, has acquired a building for its exclusive use. The Seminary has just purchased another mansion-type private home next door to the classroom building. The library will have the entire four-story structure, and plans include provision for a periodical room, reference room, study room, a typing room and a room for record-playing.

During the summer months the Yale Divinity School Library installed compact storage developed by Remington Rand in two of the library's three stack levels. Dr. Raymond Morris reports that the new equipment is working out very well and has increased the overall stack capacity by over 43,000 volumes. He offers to supply data concerning it to interested persons. Inquiries may be addressed to him at the Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

The School of Religion, one of the graduate schools at the University of Southern California, is soon to have its own separate library. The projected library is a part of the proposed \$2,500,000 religion center, soon to be built on the campus. The theological library is to house all books, manuscripts, papers, and periodicals relating to religion, which previously have been scattered throughout the twelve other departmental libraries and in the main University library. The library will have a capacity of 100,000 volumes and will serve as the focal point for research and study in the enlarged School of Religion. This School of Religion is Methodist in origin and affiliation.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

The Reverend George C. Monroe, Jr. became Acting Librarian of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 15, 1953. A native of Harrisonville, Missouri, Mr. Monroe holds the A. A. degree from Southwest Baptist College, the B. A. degree from William Jewell College, and the Th. M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done advanced study in library work at the University of Texas and Arkansas State College. Mr. Monroe has held pastorates in Missouri and Arkansas and came to his present position from Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, where he had taught English since 1944 and served as librarian since 1947.

Miss Margaret Van Raden took up her responsibilities as Librarian of the Theological Seminary at the University of Dubuque, Iowa, on August 1, 1953. Miss Van Raden has for the past four years been Assistant Librarian at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Mr. Newell E. Davis became Assistant Librarian of Union Theological Seminary in New York on July 1, 1953. Mr. Davis from 1950 to 1952 was Librarian at the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, from which institution he holds the B. D. degree. During the past year he has been on the staff of the Harper Library at the University of Chicago and has been engaged in theological study under Professor Wilhelm Pauck.

Dr. Karl T. Jacobson, who since 1943 had been Acting Librarian of the Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, resigned as of September 1, 1953.

Miss Valborg E. Bestul was appointed Librarian of the Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 1, 1953, and Miss Gertrude Tingelstad, formerly at the Pacific Lutheran College Library, became Assistant Librarian on the same date.

The Reverend Frederick C. Joaquin, Episcopal priest and alumnus of Nashotah House, assumed the duties of Librarian at Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wisconsin, on the Feast of St. Michael and All-Angels, which officially opened the Michaelmas term at the seminary. Father Joaquin received a master's degree in Psychology and a bachelor's degree in Library Science at the University of Oklahoma, following service as chaplain with the Third Army in Europe during World War II. He came to Nashotah House from the Diocese of Dallas, Texas.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

The University of China, founded in 1911, is a leading institution of higher learning in the Far East. It was established by the Chinese government and has since that time been a center of academic and cultural activity. The university is located in Peking, the capital of China, and its main campus covers an area of about 1,000 acres. It is one of the largest and most important universities in the world.

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Mr. Jack Goodwin assumed his duties as Reference Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary on July 1, 1953. Mr. Goodwin received the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Illinois in 1949 and has recently returned from two years of theological study in Scotland. He was formerly head cataloger at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

The Reverend Elton E. Shell, San Anselmo, California, has accepted an invitation to serve as the first Librarian of the University of Southern California School of Religion, and began his professional duties on July 1, 1953. Mr. Shell was formerly a Presbyterian minister, and after completing his professional library training at the University of Denver, was Assistant Librarian at the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Miss Mabel Williams, Librarian at the North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, became engaged in September to the Reverend Harold Peterson of Moline, Illinois. The wedding will take place shortly after the end of the first semester and the couple will reside in Moline where the Reverend Peterson is pastor of the Elim Covenant Church.

Mrs. Grayce A. Randolph, Librarian of St. James Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died early this autumn. ATLA members will remember that Mrs. Randolph was with us at our June meeting in Evanston which she attended with Mr. Gratke of the Milwaukee Public Library.

POSITIONS OPEN

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Library has a staff opening for a catalog librarian. Inquiries may be addressed to Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

North Park College and Theological Seminary in Chicago announces that it will have a vacancy in the post of librarian of the seminary early in 1954. The position carries faculty rank and a month's vacation is given. The school is governed and supported by the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America. Inquiries may be directed to Miss Betty Jane Highfield, Librarian, North Park College and Theological Seminary, Foster and Kedzie Avenues, Chicago 25, Illinois.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Purchasing of Books and Journals in Europe is the title of the October, 1953, issue in the University of Illinois Library School's series of Occasional Papers. It is No. 36 in the series, and was written by Robert A. Miller, Director of the Indiana University Libraries. The paper is based upon visits to 118 dealers in England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, and Denmark. The first section concerns the purchase of new books; the second, the acquisition of out-of-print, second-hand books (excluding rarities); the third, the ordering, receipt, and claiming of journal subscriptions; and the final one, the purchase of back files of journals. A copy of this paper will be sent to any individual or institution without charge.

Richards, G. W. History of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1825-1934, Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1934-1952. Lancaster, Pa., xix, 660 p., illus. \$5.30 postpaid. Order from the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Paul Stonesifer, the Librarian of the subject institution points out that although this book is a detailed history of the seminary, it is much more than that in that it is also a history of the Reformed Church in America from the colonial period to the present.

Drew University Library is engaged in the project of microfilming its manuscripts in Methodist history. To date the letters of Francis Asbury (composite of Drew, Garrett, and Methodist Historical Society in Baltimore holdings), the journals of Freeborn Garrettson, and the letters of Daniel Fiddler have been done. Anyone desiring to purchase microfilm copies (positive) of the above may secure particulars by writing to the librarian of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

Beard, Delema L. Origin and Early History of Presbyterianism in Virginia. A Ph. D. Thesis for the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1932. 541 p.

This thesis is available on microfilm from the Virginia State Library at a cost of 6¢ per foot (the exact length was not specified, but Dr. Brimm was told that the file would be well under fifty feet). Dr. Brimm describes the thesis: "It is a source book in our library and a treasure house for any person concerned with the early history of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia. It is thoroughly documented, has made use of all available source materials, and assembles accurate information not available in any other single source."

Mr. John E. Kephart, Librarian of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, has compiled an indexed list entitled Graduate theses in Christian Education, Biblical Literature, Theology, and Divinity written at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 1938-1953. He will send a copy or copies of this list to interested seminary librarians if they will send him five cents in stamps to pay postage.

Gamble, Connolly Currie. The Literature of Biblical Theology, 1935-1950. Th. D. Thesis, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1952. 785 p.

This thesis is being sent to University Microfilms, 313 N. First Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the negative will be left with this company. The length is likely to be under fifty feet and the copies will probably cost not more than \$3.00. Dr. Brimm says of this thesis: "This is an indispensable tool for the student of biblical theology, providing concise analyses of available articles in English bearing on the field of biblical theology during the period indicated. Topically arranged, its information is easily accessible. This thesis deals with some 250 books and about 800 periodical articles."

AREA AND DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS

An informal meeting of three Southern Presbyterian theological librarians (Dr. Henry Brimm of Union in Richmond, Mr. Ernest White of Louisville Presbyterian, and Mr. Harold Prince of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia), with the Director of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church was held at Montreat, North Carolina, late in October. Plans were laid at this meeting for beginning a bibliography of Southern Presbyterianism, looking toward the ultimate preparation of a bibliography of American Presbyterianism.

The Boston Theological Library Group held its fall meeting at the Andover Newton Theological Library in Newton Centre, Massachusetts on the evening of October 22. Miss Jeanette Newhall, Librarian of the Boston University School of Theology, and Miss Adele Herrick, Librarian of the General Theological Library in Boston, reported on the ATLA conference held in Evanston; and Dr. John Scannon, Librarian at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, gave an illustrated talk on his recent work at the American University in Beirut, Syria.

The Boston Theological Library Group is an informal organization comprised of representatives of twelve seminary libraries, ten theological libraries and a branch of the Boston Public Library, all of which are located in the greater Boston area. It meets twice each year, in the Fall and in the Spring.

MISCELLANEA

A collection of 191 folio and 106 miniature Bibles from 1535 to 1835 collected by Col. M. H. Grant, an English bibliophile, purchased ten years ago, has been processed in the last year and is now housed in the Divinity School Library of the University of Chicago. This collection includes one Coverdale, four Matthew, ten Great, thirteen Bishops, twenty-one Geneva, and many Authorized Versions from 1611.

The Librarian of General Theological Seminary takes great pride in reporting that the Seminary's Gutenberg Bible has been restored to bibliographic perfection. The search for a missing leaf, which had been replaced with a singularly excellent facsimile, has been carried on for thirty-six years. The generous action of a benefactor has now given the Seminary a copy of this leaf and has brought this search to a successful conclusion. This increases the number of perfect Gutenberg Bibles in the United States to six, and leaves eight copies still imperfect and unlikely ever to be perfected.

Mr. Brooks B. Little who is assisting in the preparation of a new edition of the Journal of Francis Asbury, is interested in learning of the location of Asbury letters either in manuscript or in printed form. Persons knowing of the location of such letters are requested to communicate with Mr. Little at The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Mr. Jay Kieffer of the Conestoga Book Service in Pasadena, California, wishes to clarify one aspect of his arrangement to sell books for the benefit of ATLA, which he and other ATLA members feel may not be thoroughly understood by the entire membership. His offer did not apply merely to his recent fall catalog but is a continuing one. Libraries which have not yet sent three items to be listed in Mr. Kieffer's catalogs, with the proceeds going to the ATLA treasury, are invited to do so at any time. He informs us that, as long as sales remain satisfactory, he is willing to devote up to ten percent of each of his catalogs to ATLA-donated books.

Mr. Kieffer also requests that members sending books to him to be sold under this arrangement put a suggested selling price in or on each book as an aid to him in pricing the books.

The Library of The General Theological Seminary in New York has issued three Christmas cards for the 1953 season. Two have high fidelity colored pictures copied from a Flemish manuscript Book of Hours dated about 1450. One represents a nativity scene and the other the flight to Egypt. The third card bears a nativity scene in black and white and is taken from a printed missal dated 1510 and published by Giunta in Venice. Samples are available to those who are interested, from Dr. Neils Some, Librarian, General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Square, New York 11, N. Y.

